MIDDLESEX

COUNCIL

857

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WOODBRIDGE

NEW JERSEY

1904 60th 1964

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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# *Welcome*

We are delighted to be part of this memorable milestone in the long and distinguished history of Middlesex Council No. 857, Knights of Columbus.

We take great pride and pleasure, therefore, in welcoming to this Sixtieth Anniversary dinner-dance and celebration, many distinguished members of the clergy, civil government, neighbors, friends, and above all, our Brother Knights of Columbus, their wives, and families.

We shall all look forward to spending some very pleasant hours together this evening, and we hope that the nicest of fond memories may be evoked by the words of our speakers, the beloved "old timers" of our Council, and the happy conversation at each table.

Have a good time!

The Committee

# Our Dedication

"IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE." So were the sentiments of the founders of Middlesex Council sixty years ago as they drew plans for the establishment of a new branch of the

young but rapidly spreading order of the Knights of Columbus. The young men who met with Father John J. Griffin and Father Richard T. Ryan were men of vision and hope; inspired with the ideals of Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, they foresaw a permanent foundation that would serve God, Church, Country, and fellow man with vigor and purpose. That their vision was fulfilled is perfectly evident today.

Almighty God has rewarded our Council and its members abundantly through sixty sparkling years. In lean years and full years, our founding members and those who followed them served with purpose and devotion. And during six decades, God in His wisdom, has called back to Himself, for their everlasting reward, many of our founding fathers. The memories which these members invoke are happy ones, crowding back from out of the past — creating a vast panorama

of our history in the fleeting moment of the mind's eye.

On March 13, 1964, the actual anniversary day of Middlesex Council, four of these wonderful men had still been spared to us. Five days later, on March 18th, Charter Member Maurice P. Dunigan returned to God. To our surviving Charter Members, Bernard A. Dunigan, B. Joseph Dunigan, and William A. Grace, as well as to the memory of Maurice Dunigan, we, the members of Middlesex Council, dedicate this volume with grateful affection and our prayers for the continued health, peace of mind, and Blessing which God alone can bestow on His favored sons.

*Most Holy Father:*

*Stewart A. Schoder, Jr.*
*State Secretary of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus*
*humbly prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness,*
*begs a Special Apostolic Blessing*
*for the Grand Knight and Brother Knights and their families*
*of Middlesex Council N 857 of Woodbridge, New Jersey*
*on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Founding, March 13, 1964,*
*and celebrated April 25, 1964*

Spiritu Domino, benique annuit precibus.
Ex Aed. Vaticani, die 25 Aprilis 1964.
+ Didacus Venini
Archiep. Adanen.

*From the Vatican, March 13, 1964.*

APOSTOLIC DELEGATION
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3339 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 8, D. C.

April 7, 1964

Dear Mr. Schoder:

It is a very great pleasure for me to extend to the Grand Knight, officers and members of the Middlesex Council No. 857 of the Knights of Columbus in Woodbridge, New Jersey, my heartiest congratulations and prayerful best wishes on the Sixtieth Jubilee of its founding.

During the past sixty years dedication and determination have typified its members. Your Council has had a great development during these many years and no doubt a great number of people have profited from your unselfish work. May God continue to bless your efforts and reward your labors in His behalf.

I join with all the Knights of Columbus in offering thanks in humility to Almighty God for His bounteous graces in the years that have passed, and a prayer in confidence that the future will be marked with particular benediction.

With renewed felicitations and every abiding best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ G. Lagnozzi

Apostolic Delegate

Mr. Stewart A. Schoder, Jr.
State Secretary
Knights of Columbus
Woodbridge, New Jersey

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF TRENTON
701 LAWRENCEVILLE ROAD
TRENTON 8, NEW JERSEY

April 25, 1964

Middlesex Council No. 857
Knights of Columbus
Woodbridge, New Jersey

My dear Sir Knights:

The observance of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of Middlesex Council No. 857, Knights of Columbus marks the beginning of a new chapter in its history.

I extend sincere congratulations to Middlesex Council No. 857 on this notable event in the annals of the Order, the while I pray that the members will continue the dedicated service to our Divine Lord and to our beloved Country which has brought such distinction over the years to the Knights of Columbus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+George W. Ahr

Bishop of Trenton

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TRENTON

RICHARD J. HUGHES
GOVERNOR

I take great pleasure in extending cordial greetings and heartiest congratulations to Middlesex Council No. 857, Knights of Columbus, on its sixtieth anniversary.

Your organization has contributed much to the spiritual, cultural and civic life of your community during the past sixty years, and I am confident that the future will bring even greater accomplishments.

My best wishes to each of you.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Hughes

RICHARD J. HUGHES
GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY

April, 1964

NEW JERSEY TERCENTENARY
1664·1964

JOHN W. McDEVITT
SUPREME KNIGHT

# Knights of Columbus

SUPREME COUNCIL
P. O. DRAWER 1670, NEW HAVEN, CONN. 06507

March 25, 1964.

Mr. Joseph Fedor, Grand Knight,
Middlesex Council 857,
36 Juliette Street,
Hopelawn, New Jersey.

Worthy Grand Knight:

I am very pleased to learn of the plans being made for the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the institution of Middlesex Council 857 and I regret that my busy schedule precludes the privilege of being with you to join in the program.

This is an occasion that is of great interest to me as Supreme Knight and one that should fill the hearts of all members of your council with pride and satisfaction. The men who brought about the institution of your council were pioneers in the real sense of the word. Against odds and challenges which do not exist today they persevered and established your council upon a firm foundation. It has been said that the past is prologue, study the past. If you would look for the success of our Order today you cast your eyes on the charter members and their successors who have guided it through its long career and who have made major contributions to the interests of Holy Mother Church and the advancement of our beloved Order.

Among the many dividends that will accrue from this sixtieth anniversary program is the opportunity to rededicate yourselves to the further advancement of the fraternal objectives of our founder, The Reverend Michael J. McGivney, whose dream of a fraternal benefit society was so brilliantly identified with the jurisdiction of New Jersey.

My associated Supreme Officers and Directors extend to all of the members and guests who will be assembled our most sincere fraternal greetings.

Sincerely yours,

John W. McDevitt

Supreme Knight.

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**WOODBRIDGE, New Jersey**

Hon. WALTER ZIRPOLO, Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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April 10, 1964

Stewart A. Schoder, Jr., Secretary
New Jersey State Council
Knights of Columbus
44 Stony Road
Edison, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Schoder:

The Woodbridge governing body extends to the members of Middlesex Council No. 857, Knights of Columbus their most sincere congratulations on your Sixtieth anniversary.

You have been a wonderful asset to your community during the last sixty years and have contributed greatly to its development both spiritually and non-spiritually.

We are very confident that your next sixty years will be just as fruitful as the first sixty.

Again our sincere congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Walter Zirpolo

Walter Zirpolo
Mayor

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# Knights of Columbus

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

## NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL

400-38TH STREET — UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY — UN 3-4831

CHARLES W. GARDNER
STATE DEPUTY
403 Essex Avenue
Bogota, N. J.

March 20, 1964

To The Members of Middlesex Council No. 857:

I am pleased to send to you, on the occasion of the celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Middlesex Council, my warm and hearty congratulations on your notable successes achieved under the inspired leadership of your distinguished Past Grand Knights.

The expansion of our Order in your community through increased membership in your Council, and the vigor with which you have met the goals of our Six Point Program augurs well for continued success in the future.

With sincere best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Chas. W. Gardner

Charles W. Gardner
State Deputy

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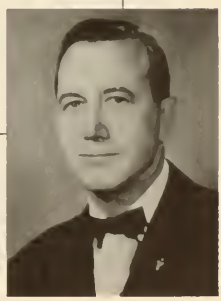

MEETINGS FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY

Chaplain REV WILLIAM A ROOS | Grand Knight JOSEPH G FEDOR | Deputy Grand Knight EMIL J LOLLO | Financial Secretary J M MULLEN | Recorder PHILIP J BOYLE | Treasurer BE

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S OF COLUMBUS — MIDDLESEX COUNCIL NO. 857 — WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY

April 7, 1964

To the Members
Middlesex Council No. 857
Knights of Columbus
Woodbridge, New Jersey

Dear Brother Knights:

We of Middlesex Council No. 857 are celebrating this year the 60th Anniversary of our founding.

The Council Home and reputation of Middlesex Council No. 857 is a monument to the fine leadership of the Past Grand Knights, officers, and members during the past 60 years.

Brothers, let us ever be united in the work of our order and forever maintain Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism to each other and to all men.

Fraternally,

Joseph G. Fedor

Joseph G. Fedor, Grand Knight

# Program

Grace ..... Rev. William A. Roos, Council Chaplain

Toastmaster ..... Stewart A. Schoder, Jr., P.G.K., State Secretary

Welcome ..... Joseph G. Fedor, Grand Knight

Remarks ..... Hon. Walter Zirpolo, Mayor of Woodbridge Township

Remarks ..... J. Joseph Grace, Senior Past Grand Knight

Presentation of Guests

Address ..... Charles W. Gardner, State Deputy

Remarks ..... Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles G. McCorristin, V. F., State Chaplain

Address ..... Daniel L. McCormick, K.S.G., Supreme Director

Closing Grace ... Rev. Stanislaus Milos, Pastor, St. Anthony's Church, Port Reading

Dinner Music ..... Henry Karmazin

Dancing to the Music of Eddie Paulson and his Stylists

# Invited Guests

Most Rev. George W. Ahr, S.T.D.
Bishop of Trenton
Most Rev. James J. Hogan, D. D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Trenton
Hon. Richard J. Hughes
Governor of New Jersey
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Chas. G. McCorristin, V.F.
State Chaplain
Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. Leahy, V. F.
Rev. William Roos, Council Chaplain
Rev. Donald Reilly
Rev. Vincent Lenyi
Rev. Stanislaus Milos
Rev. John Eagan
Rev. Joseph Brzozowski
Rev. Walter Radziwon
Rev. John Wilus
Rev. John Onesko
Hon. Edward J. Patten
Member of Congress
Hon. Walter Zirpolo
Mayor of Woodbridge Township
Mr. Daniel L. McCormick, K.S.G.
P.S.D., Supreme Director, K. of C.
Mr. Charles W. Gardner, State Deputy
Mr. Stewart A. Schoder, Jr., State Secy.
Mr. Francis J. Dailey, State Treas.
Mr. William F. Bolan, State Advocate
Mr. Frank J. Brady, State Warden

Mr. John Granelli, District Deputy
Mr. Peter P. McCann, Jr., Dist. Deputy
Mr. Joseph G. Fedor, Grand Knight
Mr. J. Joseph Grace,
Senior Past Grand Knight
Mr. William D. Stillwell
Master of the Fourth Degree
Mr. Joseph Lardiere
Faithful Navigator
Mr. Joseph J. Carlin
Past State Deputy
Mr. William J. Boman
Past State Deputy
Mr. Nicholas Ballo
Chairman, Chapter 4 K. of C.
Mr. George L. Brennan, P.G.K.
Past District Deputy
Mrs. Norbert Jost, Grand Regent
C. D. of A. No. 769
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Dunigan
Mr. B. Joseph Dunigan
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Grace
Mrs. John Concannon
Mrs. Arthur Delaney, Sr.
Mrs. Maurice P. Dunigan
Mrs. Paul Olbricht
Mrs. David F. Pender
Mrs. John F. Ryan, Sr.

# History

Woodbridge, New Jersey, U.S.A., All-American City as designated by an impartial panel of LOOK MAGAZINE, has changed. To the casual visitor returning to town after an absence, let's say, of twenty years, a walk up Main Street or along Amboy Avenue would be enlightening if not a bit saddening. Many old, familiar landmarks have gone, and the product of a new generation — the stone, steel, and neon — have replaced them. Gone are the familiar elms, the open fields, many of the rambling high old houses, but to our visitor, approaching from the south along Amboy Avenue, the house at the northwest corner of the Main Street intersection looks just about the same, except for a fresh face and well manicured yard. The back yard has changed, it's true, but the house-turned-Club — the "Elias house" as it has been referred to for many years following its purchase by the Knights in 1921, still looks on the busy scene unperturbed, with a renewed, youthful vigor. 130 Main Street is the address of the Knights of Columbus in Woodbridge, as it has been for forty-three years. Let's stop in and visit with the owners for a talk about by-gone days.

The revered founder of the Knights in Woodbridge, Father John J. Griffin, met the K. of C. for the first time in September, 1903, at the invitation of the pastor in Phillipsburg, Woodbridge-born Father Richard T. Ryan. The Order made a lasting impression on him so that by 1904, he had outlined its work to the charter committee, and together they formed the nucleus of the new Council 857. On Sunday afternoon, March 13, 1904, State Deputy Thomas Fay, District Deputy Dr. P. P. Rafferty of Red Bank, and many other distinguished guests witnessed the First, Second, and Third Degrees to launch the new Council in Phillips Hall. The ornate gilt frame that was purchased to protect the Charter for four dollars in September, 1904, still today

serves the same purpose. During its first year, Middlesex Council received a letter of invitation from St. Louis Council extending the hospitality of our St. Louis brothers to all New Jerseyans visiting the St. Louis World's Fair. In the early days, District Deputies visited their councils by trolley car, and the Supreme Council issued special risk insurance to Supreme Council delegates to offset the perils and risks involved in early century travel. In April, 1906, the terrifying earthquake which shook San Francisco also stirred the emotions of the Woodbridge Knights, and they donated twenty-five dollars from their modest treasury to the Supreme Council's Relief fund.

The first members to take the Fourth Degree went to Jersey City in September, 1906, and later, they advised the Council of the benefits of joining N. J. Chapter No. 7 after hearing the advantages of the Chapter's College Endowment Fund. The Council generously donated funds to St. James' Church, and a close relationship was established with the priests at Woodbridge which has never ceased. The chapter of the Council's first ten years closes with reports of the first of many successful fairs and the purchase of property on Main Street near the old Woodbridge National building on which the Council home was to be built.

In 1917, war was declared, and among the many Knights responding to the call to arms was the Grand Knight, Thomas Cody, and the Council Treasurer, Edward M. Kelly, who was killed in France in 1918. The Knights left behind were deeply involved in patriotic efforts at the Colonia General Army Hospital and more especially, at risk of life, in caring for hundreds of victims of the killing influenza epidemic of 1917-1918. In 1919, the Knights moved into their first Clubhouse, the site of St. James' old rectory on Amboy Avenue. As a result, the Twenties were gay and happy years for the Knights in their new home. Seidler's Beach, Mutton Hollow, and Brandt Beach were popular spots for clam bakes and all-day picnics. It was during the early twenties that Middlesex Council contributed to the purchase of an automobile for the use of the State Deputy in his ever-increasing round of official duties and visitations. In 1924, the Knights helped in the organization of Court Mercedes No. 769, Catholic Daughters of America, and in 1926, the Fourth Degree Assembly was begun with John Ryan as the first Navigator. On April

13, 1921, Middlesex Council further distinguished itself by joining, as the fourth unit in the United States, the National Council of Catholic Men — a relationship that has remained staunch and devoted through all the years. The annual Retreat was commenced in 1927 at San Alfonso, and a few of our members — principally Arthur F. Geis and John M. Mullen — have an almost unbroken record of consecutive annual retreats. 1929 was the Silver Jubilee year — a successful one that closed in November with a monstrous carnival and Ford coupe raffle. This was the last good year for the Council for almost a decade. The crash had occurred just the month before, and during the ensuing thirties, it was necessary to organize employment committees and devise other methods by which members could remain in the good graces of the Council. By 1934, however, there was some improvement in the national picture, and as a result new members began to apply, charitable donations were again undertaken, and some social life was begun anew. New Jersey Chapter No. 4 was instituted during this period with Past Grand Knight Joseph Grace as its first President. In 1941, Past Grand Knight Michael Conole died, the first Past Grand Knight to be lost to the Council. Great sadness was felt in the Club at the conclusion of the Second World War in the loss of Brothers Bernard J. Dunigan, Jr., and Joseph M. Grady. During the war, special prayers for the servicemen's safety were said; blood was donated; gift packages were sent frequently to the

# Honor Roll

## CHARTER MEMBERS of MIDDLESEX COUNCIL

John F. Campion
J. H. Concannon
Michael P. Conole
Arthur J. Delaney
John A. Dunn
James F. Dunne
Bernard A. Dunigan
B. Joseph Dunigan
Maurice P. Dunigan
James P. Gerity
Richard P. Grace
William A. Grace
M. R. Holohan
Joseph A. Howell
James P. Hughes
Louis C. Jelicks
Patrick J. Kenna
Michael Leahy
H. F. McCarthy
Edward J. Mooney
Patrick Murtagh
Paul P. Olbricht
David F. Pender
E. L. Romond
John F. Ryan
Lawrence C. Ryan
Patrick J. Ryan
William A. Ryan

## PAST GRAND KNIGHTS of MIDDLESEX COUNCIL

John F. Ryan
James P. Gerity
Richard P. Grace
M. R. Holohan
Jacob W. Grausam
Michael P. Conole
Thomas Cody
Michael J. Coll
P. H. Gallagher
J. Joseph Grace
George T. O'Brien
Arthur F. Geis
Andrew D. Desmond
William J. Fenton
Christian J. Witting
John J. Powers
Alfred J. Coley
John F. Ryan, Jr.
Henry K. Miller
J. B. Dunigan
William D. Boylan
William J. Grausam
Patrick L. Ryan
John J. Gregus
Richard T. Ryan
Stephen J. Kager
David F. Gerity
Edward Leonard
Robert Holzheimer
John Fofrich
William Haug, Jr.
Carl Herzog
Stewart A. Schoder, Jr.
Joseph Novotnik
John Papp
Albert Strish
William F. DeJoy
Peter P. McCann
Robert Muchanic
Andrew Pogany
Joseph Fedor (Current)

## PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS
## REVEREND JOHN J. GRIFFIN ASSEMBLY, FOURTH DEGREE

John F. Ryan
Patrick L. Ryan
William J. Grausam
George Reilly
Harry Burke
Joseph Novotnik
Dr. Gerard Goodman
John Annesi
James Keating
Robert Holzheimer
William Holohan
John Fofrich
Leo Menard
John Palinsky
William Haug, Jr.
Carl Herzog
Stewart A. Schoder, Jr.
John Papp
Joseph Lardiere (current)

## FORMER CHAPTER 4 CHAIRMEN FROM MIDDLESEX COUNCIL

J. Joseph Grace
William J. Grausam
Nicholas Ballo (current)

## PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES FROM MIDDLESEX COUNCIL

James P. Gerity
J. Joseph Grace
J. B. Dunigan
William J. Grausam
Robert Holzheimer
Stewart A. Schoder, Jr.
Peter P. McCann (current)

members and others from the Township who were in service. Welfare work was done at Raritan Arsenal; the Clubhouse was turned over for Citizen's Defense work; medical supplies were stockpiled in the Club; scrap metal was collected; defense bonds purchased; the club facilities opened to all servicemen.

On August 9, 1950, the first Grand Knight of the Council, John F. Ryan, Sr., was called to his eternal reward, leaving behind a rich heritage and sense of leadership that are an inspiration to the members in Woodbridge.

Since the end of the second war, the Council has had a number of occasions to celebrate happy events. In 1937, St. James' Church was blessed with a new pastor, Father Charles G. McCorristin. In Father McCorristin, the people of Woodbridge found a strong spiritual leader and an excellent administrator. The parish prospered and grew, and the physical plant was refurbished and extended. In July, 1948, the late Pope Pius XII honored the pastor who had worked so long and diligently for his parish, with the honor of Domestic Prelate and the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. On August 28, 1948, the parish, amply assisted by the Knights, paid tribute to our new Monsignor with a gigantic dinner at the Pines. The following year, Monsignor McCorristin was made Dean of the Clergy of Middlesex and Somerset Counties, and shortly thereafter a Diocesan Consultor to the Most Reverend Bishop. On June 5, 1951, the Knights honored Monsignor McCorristin at a dinner to celebrate his fortieth anniversary of ordination, and on May 30, 1961, had the great honor to assist with Monsignor McCorristin in celebrating his Golden Jubilee as a priest in the apostolic work of saving souls. This year, 1964, also sees the thirty-fifth anniversary of State Chaplaincy of the Knights of Columbus in New Jersey by our beloved Monsignor — a record without equal anywhere else in the Order. AD MULTOS ANNOS!

On Saturday evening, March 14, 1954, the members of Middlesex Council gathered with their families and friends at the Pines to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Council. The evening was a gala one, well attended, and a

OFFICERS OF MIDDLESEX COUNCIL #857, K of C
Seated, left to right — William Haug, Jr., Acting Financial Secretary; Arthur Anderson, Chancellor; Rev.William A. Roos, Chaplain; Joseph G. Fedor, Grand Knight; Emil J. Lollo, Deputy Grand Knight; Bert G. Mosenthine, Treasurer. Standing — Nicholas DaPrile, Lecturer; Charles Seymour, Advocate; Peter McCann, Trustee; Joseph Gougeon, Inside Guard; James Patten, Outside Guard; Leonard Walters, Warden; Philip J. Boyle, Recorder; Robert Muchanic, Trustee; Andrew Pogany, Trustee.
John M. Mullen, Financial Secretary ⟶

real mark on the pages of the Council's history. Many distinguished members of the Church, State Council, and government were present to make the event a lasting one in the minds of all who attended.

The following year, to honor Middlesex Council for its half-century of distinguished labor for Columbianism, State Deputy Frank J. Ott appointed Deputy Grand Knight Stewart A. Schoder, Jr., to be State Chairman of Catholic Activities for the State Council, an appointment repeated for three terms. In 1957, P.G.K. Schoder was nominated by State Deputy Daniel L. McCormick, K.S.G., to the position of District Deputy, and the following year, our Past Grand Knight was elected to the office of State Warden, the first of Middlesex Council's Past Grand Knights to achieve such rank. In the intervening years, Brother Schoder has served two terms as the State Warden, and two terms as the State Treasurer. He is now completing his second term as State Secretary and next month, at the annual State Convention in Atlantic City, will be the State Council Organization's candidate for the office of State Deputy. The office of State Deputy is the highest elected office in the state. The holder of the office is responsible for the work of the Knights of Columbus throughout the entire state — its growth and prosperity, and is the immediate representative of the Supreme Knight and Council in the doings of the Order. We are proud of the contributions made by one of our own to State-wide Columbianism and of the honor which has come to Middlesex Council during its Sixtieth Anniversary.

For many years the Club has operated an annual carnival to raise the funds that are required to undertake the many charities in which we participate. The modern carnival idea was first promoted by Past Grand Knight William J. Grausam on a modest scale, run on the Club grounds for three days, and returned a small but useful fund for charity. Through the years, however, Chairman Grausam and his many helpers, prime of whom we must mention are Past Grand Knights William J. Haug, Jr., and John Fofrich, our Financial Secretary of twenty-five years standing, John M. Mullen, and the current Grand Knights of the time, their experience broadened and sharpened, have created a gigantic, Township-wide, week-long Carnival on fair grounds generously supplied by Monsignor McCorristin, just opposite the Club on Main Street, with dozens of rides, nightly attractions, and booths and arenas of amusement that challenge John Ringling North's Greatest Show on Earth. Through Bill Grausam's unselfish leadership, the Club has been the beneficiary of the results of this very difficult undertaking, with the result that we are able to spread assistance near and far as it is requested.

Middlesex Council met for the first twelve years in old Phillips Hall. Later, it met in the Farrell house, which we know as the old St. James' Rectory. In July, 1921, the present Club was purchased. It is a tribute to the membership of Middlesex Council, that through good and bad times alike, the Clubhouse has been maintained in excellent condition and repair. The site of the Clubhouse was that of Manning's Inn, in which, on April 22, 1789, George Washington, on his way to New York for his inauguration, spent the night. During the depression, House Chairman John F. Killeen used the members' services in repairing and caring for the Club and grounds in exchange for the payment of membership dues, and paid also a modest salary, thus conserving the members and keeping them together, while retaining the dignity and display of the grounds and building. In the past few years, major improvements have been made, with first, under P.G.K. John Papp's guidance and P.G.K. William J. Haug, Jr.'s direction, the new addition raised to the rear of the property and fulfilling a long desire to have enough space to accommodate the growing membership, their meetings, and social affairs. A glance at the picture of the Club will indicate how well the addition was planned to fit into the decor and architectural style of the original building. Just a few months ago, a major renovation of the grill was completed, the results of which are indicated in photographs in this booklet, but which must be seen to be fully appreciated. Unselfish, dedicated, and loyal members have worked long and hard for these many improvements — Grand Knight Joseph Fedor, Past Grand Knights Bill DeJoy, Andy Pogany, and many others have donated themselves without stint. We might add at this point, that no electrical renovation was made, or building undertaken without the generous help and hard work, at great sacrifice, of P.G.K. John Fofrich. During the Christmas season, the crib scene is displayed on our corner with appropriate lighting and music, and all year long, the shrine to Our Lady of Fatima is a devo-

REVEREND JOHN J. GRIFFIN ASSEMBLY — 4th Degree
Seated left to right — Joseph Lardiere, Faithful Navigator; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles G. McCorristin, Faithful Friar; William Lebeda, Faithful Captain. Standing — Frank Bopp, Faithful Purser; Walter Tokarski, Faithful Scribe; Philip Boyle, Faithful Outside Sentinel; Joseph Lollo, Faithful Inside Sentinel; John Kostick, Faithful Comptroller; John Papp, Faithful Admiral; Philip Micelli, Faithful Pilot.

tional reminder to everyone who passes on busy Main Street that the Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men.

We look back on the sixty years with a deep sense of pride in achievement; with a sharp feeling of grief for the losses which we have sustained; with an unbending dedication to the principles of the Knights of Columbus to which each Knight pledges his allegiance: The Charity which the Council has shown to those less fortunate who need, who despair, despite their color, race, or creed; the Unity which weaves a golden thread through the Knights, keeping them staunch and fearless defenders of the rights of Holy Mother Church, while standing ready, at a moment's notice to rush to their Country's defense; the Fraternity that binds friends and neighbors, fathers and sons and brothers, all fellow-Catholics together in the family of the one, true Church; the Patriotism that stirs the emotions, the hearts, the loyalties of each member — the same virtues by which three members in two wars lived by and fell by, and lightened the terrors of war for countless others from our Council; the same virtues that rode with our Brother Philip J. Boyle, a veteran crew member of the U.S.S. Nautilus, the first nuclear submarine to pass submerged under the North Pole. We look forward to the future if the past is a measure of our worth. May God bless us in our work.

# *Beyond the Council*

**STEWART A. SCHODER, JR.**

State Secretary, New Jersey State Council, Knights of Columbus. Formerly State Treasurer and State Warden. Past District Deputy, and former State Catholic Activities Chairman. Past Grand Knight Middlesex Council. Past Faithful Navigator Reverend John J. Griffin Assembly, Fourth Degree. Former President, Woodbridge Columbian Club.

**PETER P. McCANN, JR.**

District Deputy, New Jersey State Council, Knights of Columbus, District No. 17. Recipient of special State Ceremonial Committee award for assistance in District Degree Team work. Past Grand Knight, Middlesex Council. Former President, Woodbridge Columbian Club. Past President, Middlesex Council Bowling League.

**WILLIAM F. DeJOY**

Supreme Council Insurance Representative State Convention Golf Tournament Chairman. Co-Chairman, Cardio-Pulmonary Fund, N. J. Chapter No. 4, K. of C. Athletic Chairman, N. J. Chapter No. 4, K. of C. Past Grand Knight, Middlesex Council. Former President Woodbridge Columbian Club. Past President, Middlesex Council Bowling League.

**JOHN PAPP, JR.**

Member State Council Athletic Activity Committee. Past President N. J. K. of C. Bowling League. Past Representative, K. of C. Supreme Bowling League. Past Grand Knight Middlesex Council. Past Faithful Navigator Reverend John J. Griffin Assembly, Fourth Degree. Former President, Woodbridge Columbian Club. Past President, Middlesex Council Bowling League.

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## APPRECIATION

The Committee Chairmen, members of the various sub-committees, and the members of Middlesex Council take this short opportunity to pay very special thanks to our two Co-Chairmen for the Sixtieth Anniversary celebration, Past Grand Knights William J. Haug, Jr. and William J. Grausam.

We read elsewhere in this booklet of the achievements of these two outstanding members of the Council in other activities at other times and under other circumstances. Leadership and ability are basic requirements to organize, direct, and bring to fulfillment, a celebration such as this. That our Sixtieth Anniversary is a success is plainly evident. And it is small tribute to Bill Grausam and Bill Haug, Jr. to recognize with grateful appreciation, their contribution again tonight to the cause of Columbianism.

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**JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY**
35th President of the United States
Member of Bunker Hill Council, K. of C.
Member of Bishop Chevrus Assembly, Fourth Degree

Our distinguished young Catholic President was unmercifully struck down in Dallas on November 22, 1963, by an assassin's bullet. No other national tragedy did more to focus the world's eyes on the peace and tranquility of Catholicism than this. A saddened world will always remember him.

*"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord."*

**LUKE E. HART**
Supreme Knight
Knight Grand Cross, Order of St. Gregory the Great
Secret Chamberlain of Cape and Sword

Our beloved Supreme Knight sponsored the well known Catholic Advertising program; the microfilming of the Vatican library; the contribution of the Knight's Tower and carillon at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington; and the addition of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. He pursued his usual long daily schedule until the day before he died on February 19, 1964.

*"May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him."*

**JOSEPH F. LAMB**
Supreme Secretary
Knight Grand Officer, Order of St. Gregory the Great

A true friend and loyal counsellor to the thousands of Knights who knew him, our Supreme Secretary conducted the operation of the Supreme Council and Office with dignity and efficiency. His deep voice and warm heart and gentle spirit will be sadly missed in the years ahead. He died February 2, 1964.

*"May His Soul Rest In Peace."*

We pay tribute to these Brothers of our Order of national and international prominence, and in their eulogy, recall the many, many saintly members of our own Council who have returned to God. Our hearts are heavy in remembrance. All but three Charter Members have died. Twelve of our Past Grand Knights are gone. Hundreds of members no longer answer the roll call. The wisdom they imparted, the example they gave, the loyalty and devotion that marked them, will never be forgotten in these chambers as long as Knights of Columbus gather. Their work is a tribute to Columbianism and to the Catholic Church. We pray to Almighty God that He will be merciful to these Brother Knights, and that their reward will be everlasting in Heaven.

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# NATIONAL COUNCIL

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

To whom it may concern - Greeting:

*Whereas*, it having been made known to the Officers of the National Council of the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS that a sufficient number of eligible men residing in the Town of Woodbridge in Middlesex County, State of New Jersey having duly petitioned that they be chartered and authorized to organize and maintain a Council of our Order within said Woodbridge and it appearing to be for the benefit of said Order, that their petition be granted.

*Therefore be it known* that the duly authorized Officers of the Knights of Columbus, by and with the consent of said National Council hereby authorize and direct the following named gentlemen to assemble and work as a regularly constituted Council of the Knights of Columbus to be designated by the name

## Middlesex Council No. 857.

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*And we do hereby* Grant to said Brothers aforesaid to receive members and perform all work of the Order agreeable to the usages of the Order of the Knights of Columbus; to exact from their members such fees as they shall judge necessary for the support of their Council, and the regular payments of all constitutional dues and to observe with due respect all ordinances emanating from the National Council of the Knights of Columbus.

*In Testimony Whereof*, We have hereunto affixed our names under the seal of the National Council.

Attest. Edward E. Kerne Supreme Knight.

Given this thirteenth day of March, 1904.

Daniel Coburn Secretary.